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RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the claim rejections and objections in the office action mailed Feb. 12, 2007, the applicants: (1) cancel claims 11-20; and (2) present a current listing of claims that the applicants believe complies with 37 CFR 1.173.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper;

Conclusion begins on page 6 of this paper.